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REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in this action, all of which have previously been amended.

The Examiner has requested clean copies of FIGS. 7-15, 17, 20-27, 31, 32 and 34-36 and the substitute specification filed with the response of June 7, 2004, which the Examiner cannot locate.

Accordingly, these items are attached hereto and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectively petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time and fee

Copy of Substitute Specification

FIGS. 7-15, 17, 20-27, 31-32 and 34-36

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Clean copies of FIGS. 7-15, 17, 20-27, 31, 32 and 34-36 are attached hereto.